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Admiral B.R. Inman
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Dear Admiral Inman:

I would like to thank you for briefing the Committee on developments in NFAC and the Intelligence Community Staff, and particularly for the thoughtful way in which you and Mr. McMahon responded to our questions concerning several recent estimates.

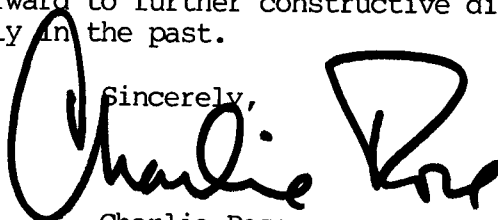
In order to share with you more fully some of the particular concerns that prompted our questions, I am enclosing copies of several memoranda written by the Subcommittee staff. In doing this, I would like to further, on a more informal level, the constructive dialogue we began on October 1.

As you will note, the enclosed memoranda are not full-fledged evaluations of the various estimates. They do not systematically take account of the process or the products' strengths and weaknesses. Rather, each essay describes a particular problem which the staff deemed to be important enough to warrant a careful look. Thus, although they do not attempt to be "balanced", they are, I believe, objective. My hope is that they can be useful as well, both to your continuing efforts to maintain high quality standards, and to the ongoing dialogue between you and this Committee.

I would like to add a comment about the SNIE on terrorism, which you mentioned. Early this summer the Subcommittee staff examined both the product and the process, conducting interviews with analysts throughout the intelligence community. The staff conclusion was that, after an indisputably difficult production process, the result was a very high quality product. Mr. Gore, during a 23 July briefing, made note of this, and complimented the Agencies' representatives on an "impressive" job.

The staff and I look forward to further constructive discussion with you, as we have enjoyed frequently in the past.

Sincerely,



Charlie Rose
 Chairman, Subcommittee on
 Oversight and Evaluation

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